

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9273–S9311

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3431–3437, S. Res. 483, and S. Con. Res. 24. **Pages S9303–04**

Measures Reported:

S. 516, to plan for and coordinate efforts to integrate advanced air mobility aircraft into the national airspace system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–53)

S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 66, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida.

S. 82, to require a joint task force on air travel during and after the COVID–19 Public Health Emergency.

S. 116, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the effect of the COVID–19 pandemic on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products, with an amendment.

S. 140, to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 198, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps.

S. 316, to establish a temperature checks pilot program for air transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 451, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to help facilitate the adoption of composite technology in infrastructure in the United States.

S. 497, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants.

S. 594, to double the existing penalties for the provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information.

S. 1127, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public.

S. 1259, to provide that crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act.

S. 1289, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program.

S. 1747, to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data, with an amendment.

S. 1790, to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission does not approve radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1880, to direct the Federal Trade Commission to submit to Congress a report on unfair or deceptive acts or practices targeted at Indian Tribes or members of Indian Tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1890, to require the Federal Trade Commission to conduct a study on scams that target travelers during the COVID–19 pandemic, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1894, to designate Regional Ocean Partnerships of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1995, to amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety.

S. 2016, to authorize elements of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2068, to require the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to promote and administer programs in the public and private sectors to assist the development of minority business enterprises, to ensure that such Agency has

the necessary supporting resources, particularly during economic downturns, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2299, to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

S. 2424, to make available \$250,000,000 from the Travel Promotion Fund for the Corporation for Travel Promotion, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2699, to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3309, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3375, to promote travel and tourism in the United States, to improve the health safety and security of international flights entering the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3435, to extend the authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas. **Page S9303**

Measures Passed:

Daniel Kahikina Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1760, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs planned to be built in Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Daniel Kahikina Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S9306**

Col. Gail S. Halvorsen 'Candy Bomber' Veterans Center: Senate passed S. 2514, to rename the Provo Veterans Center in Orem, Utah, as the "Col. Gail S. Halvorsen 'Candy Bomber' Veterans Center". **Pages S9306–07**

PRRADA: Senate passed H.R. 1192, to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as "PROMESA"), after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9307–08**

AI Training Act: Senate passed S. 2551, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish or otherwise provide an artificial intelligence training program for the acquisition

workforce, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9308**

Schatz (for Peters/Portman) Amendment No. 4896, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9308**

COVID-19 Bankruptcy Relief Extension Consolidation Act: Senate passed S. 3437, to extend certain COVID-19 bankruptcy relief provisions through March 27, 2022. **Pages S9308–09**

National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation commemorative work: Senate passed H.R. 1664, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs. **Page S9309**

Commemorating Naval Air Station Pensacola terrorist attack: Senate agreed to S. Res. 483, remembering the December 6, 2019, terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola and commemorating those who lost their lives, and those who were injured, in the line of duty. **Page S9309**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 24, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 1605. **Page S9309**

National Grain and Feed Association 125th Anniversary: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 447, celebrating the 125th anniversary of the National Grain and Feed Association and recognizing the Association and its members for transforming the bounty of United States farmers into safe, nutritious, sustainable, and affordable human and animal food, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9309**

Nord Stream 2—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, no later than January 14, 2022, Senate begin consideration of S. 3436, to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to entities responsible for the planning, construction, or operation of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline and their corporate officers and to apply congressional review under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act to the removal of sanctions relating to Nord Stream 2; that there be 2 hours of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees, on the bill; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the bill be considered read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with 60-affirmative votes required for passage, with no amendments in order, and without intervening action or debate. **Page S9296**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the

Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, December 20, 2021, at 5 p.m.; Thursday, December 23, 2021, at 11 a.m.; Monday, December 27, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, December 30, 2021, it next convene on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 12 noon, pursuant to the Constitution.

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Thomas Nomination—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 42 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 528), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Sanchez Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 44 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 527), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nominations of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez, at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 3, 2022, and on confirmation of the nomination of Holly A. Thomas, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader.

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Status Quo—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all the nominations received by the Senate during the 117th Congress, First Session, remain in status quo, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXXI, Paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with certain exceptions.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 48 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 507), Atul Atmaram Gawande, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 506), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 48 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 509), Linda Lopez, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 508), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 47 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 511), Jinsook Ohta, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 510), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 45 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 513), David Herrera Urias, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 45 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 512), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 46 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 515), Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 514), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 45 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 517), Jane M. Beckering, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 516), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 44 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 519), Shalina D. Kumar, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 45 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 518), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S9292**

By 46 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 521), Jennifer L. Thurston, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Pages S9293–94**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 520), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S9293**

By 49 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 523), Katherine Marie Menendez, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S9294–95**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 522), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S9294**

By 47 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 525), Mary Katherine Dimke, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. **Pages S9295–96**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 524), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S9295–96**

Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra. Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination was withdrawn. **Page S9297**

By 48 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 526), Rahm Emanuel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Japan. Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination was withdrawn. **Pages S9297–98**

Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

Mark Gitenstein, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve con-

currently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco.

Claire D. Cronin, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Marc Evans Knapper, of California, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.

Subsequently, the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations were withdrawn. **Page S9298**

Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Elizabeth Moore Aubin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Steven C. Bondy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Maria E. Brewer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Christopher John Lamora, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon.

Tulinabo S. Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

Michael Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

Eugene S. Young, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Adam Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador.

Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

Elizabeth Rosenberg, of Vermont, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the

Treasury. (Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Sharon L. Cromer, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Troy Damian Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

Marc Ostfield, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Cynthia Ann Telles, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Peter D. Haas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Kent Doyle Logsdon, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Julie Chung, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Caryn R. McClelland, of California, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Michael J. Murphy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

John R. Bass, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Jamie L. Harpootlian, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

Mark Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Elizabeth Anne Noseworthy Fitzsimmons, of Delaware, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Brian Wesley Shukan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Alexia Marie Gabrielle Latortue, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Marc R. Stanley, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

Scott Miller, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

David R. Gilmour, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Michael M. Adler, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Erik D. Ramanathan, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden. **Pages S9296–97**

Armando O. Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Catherine A. McLaughlin, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2024.

Lynnette Young Overby, of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2022.

Ismael N. Ahmed, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

Huascar Medina, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2026.

Fagan Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2023.

Matthew S. Axelrod, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Maria Rosario Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

Dennis DeConcini, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring April 17, 2026.

Joseph M. Green, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 2022.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Sandra L. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years. **Page S9310**

Messages from the House: **Page S9303**

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Record Votes: Twenty-three record votes were taken today. (Total—528)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021 and adjourned at 4:04 a.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021, until 5 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021. (For Senate's program,

see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9310.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021.

Committee Meetings

MEMBER DAY

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing entitled "Member Day". Testimony was heard from Representatives Bucshon, Carter of Georgia, Johnson of Louisiana, Katko, Meijer, Sarbanes, Stauber, Van Taylor, and Tenney.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

5 p.m., Monday, December 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Monday, December 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10:30 a.m.



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